

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered prior to examination of this application on its merits.

Amendments

The specification was amended to correct several typographical/inadvertent errors. Specifically, the section entitled “References” starting at page 2 of the specification was amended to insert periods “.” at the end of references 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0005] to insert a comma after “gel”.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0011] to insert a hyphen between “trade” and “off”.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0035] to insert the word “a” before “contrast agent”.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0057] to replace the word “lubricous” with what is believed to be the more grammatically correct term “lubricity”. In addition, the word “solvents” was replaced with the word “liquids” to be internally consistent within the paragraph.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0067] to correct an inadvertent error by changing “the ratio” to “ratio of”.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0069] to insert the word “an” before “inert”.

The specification was amended in paragraph [0071] to delete the phrase “or a mixture thereof” which is redundant upon “one or more” recited earlier in that sentence.

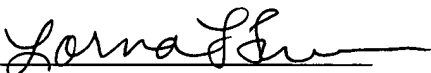
The specification was amended in paragraph [0077] to delete the phrase “the rheological modifier” since this term is redundant in the paragraph and reference is clearly to the surfactant.

CONCLUSION

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-0872 referencing docket no. 554922010100. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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